



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Shigeru Nishio et al.

Application No.: 10/567,657

Confirmation No.: 2426

Filed: February 8, 2006

Art Unit: N/A

For: ELECTROSTATIC SUCTION TYPE FLUID
DISCHARGE METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
THE SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

MS Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC §371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (in the form of three (3) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney forms, one executed by the inventors Yamamoto and Iwashita, one executed by the inventor Nishio, and one executed by the inventor Murata) and a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC §371 In the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

With respect to the requirement stated in the Notice To File Missing Requirements Under 35 USC §371 In the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) that the Applicants pay an additional claim fee in the amount of \$200 with this response for 16 independent claims over 3, Applicants respectfully note that the above-identified application was filed with 20 total claims, 18 of which being independent (i.e., Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-20) and two of which being multiple dependent claims (i.e., Claims 7, depending from claims 2, 3 and 6, and Claim 12, depending from claims 10 and 11).

As shown on the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning Submission Under 35 USC 371 filed in this application, Applicants have paid for all of the required fees for this application including 23 - 20 = 3 extra total claims and 18 - 3 = 15 extra independent claims (see copy attached).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirement that they pay an additional \$200 with this response is in error and should be withdrawn. A decision so holding in response to this communication is respectfully requested.

However, in the event that it is determined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office that Applicants' foregoing assertions with regard to the fees paid for this case are in error, or any other deficiency exists in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) The Director is hereby authorized and requested to charge any such deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 64851 (70904). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: October 26, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/08/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/08/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/08/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/08/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/08/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 02/08/2006
- Specification filed on 02/08/2006
- Claims filed on 02/08/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$200 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$200 for a Large Entity:

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 200

- \$200 for 16 independent claims over 3.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

FREDERICK SMITH

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 64851 (70904)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/011376	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 6 August 2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 8 August 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION ELECTROSTATIC SUCTION TYPE FLUID DISCHARGE METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Shigeru Nishio et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>		

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